

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the Center for Survivors of Torture and War Trauma was founded in 1998 in order to meet the physical, social, and spiritual needs of those fleeing from violence; and

Whereas, the Center for Survivors of Torture and War Trauma utilizes direct mental health services, supportive outreach programs, and training for educational, medical, and mental health professional works to maximize the functioning of torture survivors in order to enable them to successfully adjust to life in a safe environment; and

Whereas, the Center for Survivors of Torture and War Trauma has a Youth Leadership Program which helps students learn about themselves and others and to be positive leaders in the community; and

Whereas, the Youth Leadership Program teaches others about diversity, tolerance, non-violence, conflict mediation, self-care, community resources, and caring for the environment; and

Whereas, the Youth Leadership Program also brings peace in communities and school and brings people together; and

Whereas, it is the vision of the Youth Leadership Program to teach students to learn to think about others, not just themselves; and

Whereas, the Youth Leadership Program also strives to teach students to become interrelated with other community organizations, to teach others to be good leaders in their schools and communities, and to be seen as compassionate leaders in the communities; and

Whereas, Chris Sossou and a group of fellow students from the Youth Leadership Program at the Center for Survivors of Torture and War Trauma will visit the State Capitol in order to study both United States and Missouri government:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud Chris Sossou, an outstanding member of the Youth Leadership Program at the Center for Survivors of Torture and War Trauma; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Chris Sossou.

Offered by _____
Representative Jeanette Mott Oxford
District No. 59

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker